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GMPC MOTION NO. 21-4

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A MOTION establishing a process to revise 2019-2044 growth targets

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for the City of Sammamish in the 2021 King County Countywide

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Planning Policies.

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WHEREAS, growth targets for unincorporated King County and all cities within

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King County are included in the King County Countywide Planning Policies;

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WHEREAS, the Growth Management Planning Council began its update to the King

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County Countywide Planning Policies in November 2019;

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WHEREAS, staff from the Interjurisdictional Team to the Growth Management

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Planning Council facilitated a process to develop 2019-2044 growth targets for all

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jurisdictions as a part of its update to the King County Countywide Planning Policies;

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WHEREAS, staff members from each King County jurisdiction were convened from

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October 2020 through March 2021 to develop a recommended set of 2019-2044 growth

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targets to the Interjurisdictional Team;

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WHEREAS, jurisdictions were convened by their VISION 2050 Regional Geography

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to collaboratively develop 2019-2044 growth targets;

20 WHEREAS, the City of Sammamish participated in the development of the 2019-
21 2044 growth targets as a part of the Cities and Towns Regional Geography;

22 WHEREAS, jurisdictions considered several data-based factors for determining their
23 growth targets, including future development capacity as calculated for the 2021 Urban
24 Growth Capacity Report and recent growth trends;

25 WHEREAS, as a part of the capacity estimation for the 2021 Urban Growth Capacity
26 Report, in the fourth quarter of 2020 the City of Sammamish identified a significant sewer
27 capacity issue and a related development moratorium within the Sammamish Plateau
28 Water and Sewer District that reduced estimated development capacity;

29 WHEREAS, the City of Sammamish submitted its final development capacity
30 estimates, constrained by the sewer capacity issue, to King County staff for the 2021
31 Urban Growth Capacity Report in March 2021;

32 WHEREAS, the City of Sammamish used this development capacity estimate when
33 it determined its housing and employment growth targets in March 2021;

34 WHEREAS, these targets were included in the public review draft of the 2021 King
35 County Countywide Planning Policies approved by the Growth Management Planning
36 Council on March 31, 2021;

37 WHEREAS, the public review period for the 2021 King County Countywide
38 Planning Policies took place from April 5, 2021 through May 5, 2021;

39 WHEREAS, during the public review period, the Growth Management Planning
40 Council received comment from King County Wastewater Treatment Division and other
41 members of the public on the sewer capacity issue and development moratorium in the
42 City of Sammamish;

43 WHEREAS, the Growth Management Planning Council considered public comment
44 to revise the public review draft of the 2021 King County Countywide Planning Policies
45 between May and June 2021;

46 WHEREAS; the Growth Management Planning Council made no changes to the City
47 of Sammamish's growth target and approved the 2021 King County Countywide Planning
48 Policies in June 2021;

49 WHEREAS, the King County Council began its review of the Growth Management
50 Planning Council recommended 2021 King County Countywide Planning Policies in
51 August 2021;

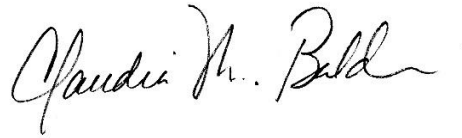
52 WHEREAS, while the King County Council was conducting its review, the City of
53 Sammamish and Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer District identified a timeline for
54 resolution of the sewer capacity issue and allowed the development moratorium to expire
55 in August 2021;

56 WHEREAS, the King County Council received public testimony regarding the City
57 of Sammamish's growth target relative to resolution of the sewer capacity issue and the
58 provision of affordable housing during their review;

59 WHEREAS, the King County Council's Mobility and Environment Committee
60 amended the 2021 King County Countywide Planning Policies removing the City of
61 Sammamish's growth targets in November 2021;

62 WHEREAS, the Growth Management Planning Council received a briefing on the
63 Council's amendments, including the City of Sammamish's growth targets, at its
64 December 1, 2021 meeting;

65 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Growth Management Planning
66 Council of King County hereby requests the City of Sammamish, in consultation with
67 King County, the Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer District, and other jurisdictions in
68 the Cities and Towns Regional Geography, revise its 2019-2044 growth targets to reflect
69 updated capacity estimates by June 1, 2022. The Growth Management Planning Council
70 shall schedule a briefing on the status of Sammamish's growth targets at its April 27, 2022
71 meeting, and schedule action on the Sammamish growth targets at its June 22, 2022
72 meeting.



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Chair, Growth Management Planning Council